Parity between fixing the price of coal and gas

2809. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Gujarat have demanded that there should be parity between fixing the price of coal and gas;

(b) whether the State Government has also requested the Centre that gas price should be fixed at calorific value of thermal equivalent of coal pit-head;

(c) if answers to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) what is Government's decision in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government of Gujarat have made these requests in various Memoranda submitted by them to the Government of India.

(d) The prices of natural gas have been fixed by Government with effect from 1.1.1992 till 1995 taking into account the arguments made by the Gujarat Government as well as other factors including the recommendations of the Kelkar Committee on gas pricing.

Target of new LPG connections in Gujarat

2810. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has requested the Centre to fix the target of at least 2,50,000 new LPG connections for the State;

(b) whether Government of Gujarat has also requested to give LPG agency to 'Dang Zilla Madhyastha Sahakari Mandal Limited (At Ahwa) in tribal Dangs District;

(c) whether Government of Gujarat has also requested the Government of India to reconstitute early the Oil Selection Board; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Reques's are received from State Government and other sources for higher enrolment New LPG connections are released taking into consideration the waiting list, slack available with the distributors, and product availability etc.

(b) Representations have been received from some sources for the sanction of an LPG distributorship at Ahwa, Dangs.

(c) and (d) The Oil Selection Board for Gujarat has been reconstituted with effect from 1.1.1993.

Import of LPG and crude oil

2811. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity and value of LPG and crude oil likely to be imported during the current year; and

(b) what measures Government propose to take to reduce the imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The import of LPG and crude oil and their value

during 1992-93 is likely to be as under:—

	Quantity in MMT Value in US $ Million	
	Quantity	Value
LPG . . .	0.343	75.48
Crude Oil . .	29.42	3903.95

(b) A number of oil and gas field development projects are being implemented to enhance production of crude oil and natural gas. Government have also offered certain oil/gas fields for development by private companies. LPG production is proposed through increased refining capacity by taking up expansion of existing refineries and by setting up of new grass root refineries.

Supply of diesel to farmers on Ration cards

2812. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to supply diesel to those farmers who own less than five acres of land at half the price on Ration Cards;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) There is no such proposal.

Pipe line from proposed refinery in Assam

2813. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 1100 km pipleline linking the proposed refinery in Assam to the national distribution network has not yet been cleared by the Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) IOC is in the process of preparation of the detailed cost estimates for the project.

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2814. श्री अजीत जोगी :

श्री छोटूभाई पटेल :

क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 20 जनवरी, 1992 के "इकानोमिक टाइम्स" में प्राकाशित इस आशय के समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है कि तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग मूल्यांकन मानदण्डों सी-II का उल्लंघन कर रहा है ;

(ख) क्या इस मामले की कोई जांच की गई है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या परिणाम निकले और उस पर याव कार्यवाही की गई ?